

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 9, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Fall brought cooler than normal temperatures for much of the northern half of the State last week, with many southern counties experiencing some measurable precipitation, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. Topsoil moisture levels continued to drop for the second week however, with conditions now rated 36 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 41 percent last week, 50 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 32 percent. The largest rainfall accumulation was reported at Los Lunas where 0.70 inches fell. Eight of the 46 weather stations reported no precipitation including, Capulin, Clayton, Clovis, Conchas Dam, Pasamonte, Raton, Tucumcari, and NMSU. Average temperatures varied from 7 degrees below to 6 degrees above normal. Daytime highs ranged from 68 degrees at Chama and Otis to 92 degrees at Roswell. Overnight lows varied from 17 degrees at El Vado Dam to 52 degrees at Santa Teresa. The first light frost was reported in Union County. In both Rio Arriba and Union County, producers were busy shipping livestock. Reports from several counties indicated corn was starting to be harvested. In Curry County wheat planting was nearing completion, behind normal due to very dry conditions followed by a few days of excessive moisture. The cabbage and lettuce crop in Dona Ana County was maturing well and looking excellent according to reports. Additional comments from Dona Ana County stated the harvest of Red Delicious Apples was complete. Pecan nut set was reported as 20 percent light, 45 percent moderate, and 35 percent heavy. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 6 percent light and 1 percent severe. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 31 percent light, 5 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe. Stock water supplies were reported as 5 percent very short, 20 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
5 th cutting harvested.....	90	85	94	95
6 th cutting harvested.....	49	37	42	52
Chile				
Red harvested	27	26	24	10
Corn				
Dented	83	81	94	97
Mature	68	53	54	69
Harvested for Grain.....	2	NA	1	10
Harvested for silage.....	80	70	88	87
Cotton				
Bolls opening	75	70	80	78
Harvested.....	1	NA	6	3
Peanuts				
Harvested.....	30	5	26	23
Sorghum				
Coloring	95	78	94	78
Mature	25	23	45	25
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	85	65	56	77
Emerged	50	30	38	49

NA – not available
(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	6.4	6.7	6.2	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	9	8	13	33
Short	55	51	37	35
Adequate	33	38	47	31
Surplus	3	3	3	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	8	8	9	NA
Short	32	29	33	NA
Adequate	59	62	57	NA
Surplus	1	1	1	NA

NA – not available
(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	3	3	2	6
Fair.....	41	42	28	34
Good	46	46	43	50
Excellent	10	9	27	8
Corn				
Very poor	2	2	--	2
Poor.....	2	2	--	7
Fair.....	29	29	12	41
Good	48	49	51	33
Excellent	19	18	37	17
Cotton				
Very poor	1	3	--	5
Poor.....	27	26	3	16
Fair.....	35	34	23	34
Good	31	31	64	26
Excellent	6	6	10	19
Pasture and range				
Very poor	3	2	4	31
Poor.....	19	20	8	23
Fair.....	44	44	33	25
Good	29	29	44	17
Excellent	5	5	11	4
Peanut				
Very poor	--	1	--	3
Poor.....	6	5	--	18
Fair.....	67	66	69	68
Good	27	28	28	10
Excellent	--	--	3	1
Pecan				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	3	3	--	1
Fair.....	9	9	13	18
Good	47	45	77	57
Excellent	41	43	10	24
Sorghum				
Very poor	--	--	--	18
Poor.....	4	4	1	9
Fair.....	73	73	10	31
Good	22	22	84	38
Excellent	1	1	5	4
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	2	2	1	NA
Poor.....	4	4	2	NA
Fair.....	34	34	24	NA
Good	52	52	66	NA
Excellent	8	8	7	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	12	12	15	NA
Poor.....	12	12	15	NA
Fair.....	15	15	15	NA
Good	53	53	52	NA
Excellent	8	8	3	NA

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New Mexico’s weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2016/NM_Weather_10092016.pdf